



October 26, 2007

Director's Message

In the fall of each year, the Director approves an Officer Corps Management Plan (OCMP) prepared by the Commissioned Personnel Center (CPC). The OCMP establishes the opportunity of selection for each promotion board, and whether to hold continuation and promotion boards for the next year. The approved OCMP contains the authorized promotion zone sizes and the number of officers to select. We are currently working on the OCMP and anticipate its approval by the Director in early November. Once it is approved, we will announce the promotion zones and the convening dates of the various boards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. B. Kearse".

CDR William B. Kearse, NOAA
Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

Announcements

Promotion Update

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation announced an Executive Session Markup for Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

During the Executive Session, Committee members will consider Nominations for Promotion in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commission Corps (PN 982).

The Senate will review and give their consent to the promotions. After that the package will be returned to the White House and then to the Department. At that time, CPC will prepare and submit the package to promote officers based on vacancies at that time.

For those officers selected during the 2007 Selection Boards, remember that your medical and dental qualifications must remain current. If your qualifications are lapsed at the time the package is submitted, your promotion will be delayed and the next qualified officer will be promoted. If you have any questions please contact Greg Raymond at 301-713-7728.

Important Information for Officers Eligible for Promotion Year 2008

All NOAA Corps officers are required to have a current (annual or 5 year periodic) physical

examination and a current dental exam (class I or class II) on file with the Medical Administration Branch at CPC. The deadline for the submission of medical records for the 2008 promotion year is January 31, 2008. Documentation submitted after the deadline will not be considered for the 2008 promotion year. This may require you to plan and get your physical or dental exams completed before they expire.

Officers should contact LCDR Hobson-Powell in the Medical Administration Branch via E-mail (Elizabeth.hobson-powell@noaa.gov) over the next few weeks to ensure that you have a current periodic physical examination and all required medical documents are on file.

PLEASE NOTE: Upon review of your medical documents, the Medical Administration Branch will notify you via E-mail if additional documents are required.

NOAA Locator

After Sending out the request to have officers update their information on the NOAA Locator, it has come to our attention that there are issues with updating some of the information on the form. CPC is currently working with NOAA's Production Control to resolve the issue. A follow-on message will be sent out once the problem has been solved. Thank you for your patience.

Seattle ACO Dining In

Please mark the date of January 5th, 2008 on your calendars for the next Seattle ACO Dining In. The event will be held at the Lake Washington Rowing Club. Menu, prices, and other information will be forthcoming as the ACO Board puts together the specifics and places the information on line.

Assignments

The Billet List was updated on October 18 and is posted on the CPC - Assignments website: <http://www.noaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/assignments.html>. If you should have any questions regarding the Billet List or assignments in general, please contact LCDR John Caskey at 301-713-7748 or assignmentbranch.cpc@noaa.gov.

Pre-Retirement Seminars available for NOAA Corps officers in the Seattle Area

It is recommended that any officer within eighteen months of retirement attend a Pre-Retirement Seminar.

Seminar Dates

December 10 - 13, 2007

Location

Coast Guard Base Seattle
Pier 36 - Bear Room
Seattle, Washington

March 3 - 6, 2008

Naval Sub Base Bangor
FFIC TAP Classroom
Silverdale, Washington

For additional information go to <http://uscg.mil/mlcpac/iscseattle/pw/tapsched.htm> and to register, call or email the Work-Life Staff's Transition Manager, David Sweeney, at (206) 217-6615 or david.j.sweeney@uscg.mil.

Approved Retirements

The following officers have approved retirements. Be sure to thank them for their service to NOAA and the nation.

CDR James R. Meigs	November 1, 2007
CAPT Richard S. Brown	December 1, 2007
CAPT George E. White	January 1, 2008
CAPT Gary D. Petrae	January 1, 2008
CAPT Jon E. Rix	February 1, 2008
CAPT Stephen A. Kozak	March 1, 2008
CAPT Sean R. White	July 1, 2008
CAPT John W. Humphrey, Jr.	August 1, 2008

On the Horizon

October	Start date for REFTRA 63
October 31	OER end of reporting period for CAPT/CDR
November 4-9	REFTRA/NOAA Week
November 12-13	Corps Values/Leadership Training (Tampa, FL)
November 30	OER end of reporting period for LCDR/ LT
December 10-14	XO Seminar (Norfolk, VA)
December 15	OERs due at CPC for CAPT/CDR
January 3-4 (tentative)	Corps Values/Leadership Training (Seattle, WA)
January 5, 2008	Seattle ACO Dining In
January 7-11, 2008	Command Conference (Easton, MD)
January 15, 2008	OERs due at CPC for LCDR/LT
January 15, 2008	Documents for OPF due at CPC for officers in selection zones
February 1, 2008	ODU becomes the prescribed uniform to wear aboard ships, marine centers, and small boat assignments.
February 11, 2008	Start date for BOTC 112
January-May, 2008	Billet Review
March 3-7, 2008	Selection Boards for O-6 to O-2

Please see NOAA Corps website for additional information:

Assignments: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/assignments.html>

Evaluations: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/evaluation.html>

Training: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/careermgmt/training.html>

Uniforms & Awards: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/perservices/awards.html>

ODU: <http://www.noaaacorps.noaa.gov/cpc/index.html>